



Center Hours
Monday Through
Thursday
8 am to 4 pm
Friday
8 am to 2 pm
907-776-7654



www.NikiskiSeniorCenter.org



Director's Message

Happy Spring! The sun has been shining bright (when it hasn't snowed!) and the birds are chirping. We have had a very busy few months here in 2026 already and it doesn't slow down.

Our Easter community meal was very well attended, over 100 people shared a wonderful ham dinner by Chef Jonathan. Then we followed it up with ribs the very next day, and another 70+ people. The word is out...we have the best chef on the peninsula! In other kitchen news, we have raised over \$1,000 towards a dough sheeter for the kitchen. A .22 Henry rifle was donated to help raise funds for the dough sheeter, so you will see that the raffle has begun. It will be drawn at our fundraiser...only 200 tickets will be sold!

Our annual fundraiser is only a month away, and we have lots to do to get ready for it. The Annex Gun Store will be sponsoring our Wall of Guns this year. Additionally, we will have silent and live auctions throughout the night, a lovely Luau-inspired dinner, and even some dancers. Keep it on your calendar; it will be a great time!

Memorial Day is coming up at the end of May and marks the beginning of summer. NSC will be closed that day but be sure to check out the American Legion's events in Kenai. The Legion's ceremony at the Kenai cemetery starts at 10 AM, and then the 12 PM ceremony will be at Lief Hanson Park.

Please bear with us as we explore new platforms for our newsletter. Microsoft Publisher is going away in October, so we are trying to be prepared. Birthdays and the word search will be back next month!

Looking forward to a great summer here!

~ John Walker



NSC Facilities
Committee
Meeting
5/12/26
@ 1:00 pm

NSC Board
Meeting
5/27/26
@ 1:00 pm

Nikiski Service
Area Board
7/29/26
@ 4:00 pm

KPFCSP Sponsor



Kenai Peninsula Family Caregiver Support Program

Caregiver Support Groups & Trainings



May Schedule 2026

MAY 1	Tyotkas Elder Center 10:30-11:30am
MAY 6	Kenai Senior Center 2pm-3:30pm
MAY 11	Soldotna Library 1-2pm
MAY 26	Nikiski Senior Center 12:30-1:30pm Wills & Probates 101 with Attorney Susie Chmielowiec
MAY 28	Sterling Senior Center 1pm-2pm



For more info about
KPFCSP

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Ninilchik Senior Center on May 14th from 11 -12 has been added to the schedule.



WILLS AND PROBATES 101

WITH SUSIE CHMIELOWIEZ



Have you decided on long-term planning for you and your loved ones? Come and see Susie, attorney at law, and learn how to prepare!

Sponsored in part by:



May 26, 2026 12:30 -1:30 pm
Nikiski Senior Center, 50025 Lake Marie
Ave, Kenai, AK 99611

NIKISKI
SENIOR CENTER

Luau Gala

ANNUAL FUNDRAISING EVENT

An Evening of Island Elegance Benefiting Local Seniors

SATURDAY, JUNE 6

4:00 PM – 8:00 PM

Join us for a memorable evening of community, generosity,
and giving in support of the Nikiski Senior Center
and the vital programs and services we provide to our
community.

— EVENING HIGHLIGHTS —

- ✦ Hawaiian-Inspired Dinner
 - ✦ Silent Auction
 - ✦ Raffle Prizes
 - ✦ Wall of Guns
 - ✦ Live Music

— TICKETS —

Individual Tickets – \$75

Advance Ticket Purchase Recommended

Reserve a Private Table	8 Guests – \$550
	6 Guests – \$425

— SUPPORT THE CAUSE —

Sponsorship Opportunities Available
Silent Auction & Prize Donations Are Welcome

*All proceeds directly support programs, meals, and services
for seniors in our community.*

CELEBRATE • GIVE BACK • MAKE A DIFFERENCE



FOOD PANTRY HOURS

9:00 am to
10:30 am
OR
12:30 pm to
1:30 pm



Qualified seniors can shop from the NSC Pantry every two weeks for supplemental food items such as but not limited to:

- Hamburger
- Chicken
- Pork
- Canned vegetables
- Canned fruit
- Lunch items
- Breakfast items
- Boxed meals
- Hygiene items
- & more



MEAL PRICING UPDATE

Please note that there will be a price increase for non-members

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1ST 2026

\$10- Entree only OR soup and salad bar
\$15- Includes Entree PLUS Soup and Salad Bar

Are you 55 and older? Become a member and enjoy added benefits!
We appreciate your patience and continued support as we make improvements to better serve our community.



Thank you, Paula Bute, for teaching a fun class on Yarn Baskets. We had 14 people participate.

Ladies (and Luke) That Lunch – An Adventurous Tale

The adventurous monthly crew packed their travel bags and set off for the magical (and slightly mysterious) land of Ninilchik this month, ready to spread their joy far and wide.

The day began just as expected—with playful antics, cheerful chatter, and plenty of laughter. The ladies, with Luke in tow, made their first stop at the Ninilchik Senior Center, arriving in style with Pam confidently in the driver’s seat, leading the pack.

Everything was going according to plan when suddenly—*SCREEEEEEEECH!*—a sound rang out from the top of the van, loud enough for all to hear. Pam immediately knew the trusty Nikiski van had encountered trouble. Determined to fix the situation, she unloaded the crew in hopes of backing out gracefully and damage-free.

But Luke, in his infinite wisdom, had another idea.

Clearly, the solution was to make the van *heavier* to better conquer the looming “awning monster” that had caused the issue in the first place. So, without hesitation, everyone piled back in.

“It’s not ruining my day!” Pam surely thought, as she carefully maneuvered the van backward—accompanied, one can only assume, by another heart stopping *SCREEEEEECH*.

Undeterred, the group carried on, confident that a good meal—and perhaps a little thrifting—would ease any lingering worries. And what a meal it was! A wonderful pot roast warmed both hearts and bellies, followed by what was enthusiastically described as a “*delicious peaches and cream cake*” (we’ll keep that one from Jonathan 😊).

With full stomachs and smiles etched deep, the crew headed to the Cozy Moose Thrift Store, where treasures were found and wallets were happily lightened.

Pam delivered everyone safely home—van status still questionable—but with plenty of stories to share. Though a certain unnamed individual (*ahem*, Luke) suggested the minor mishap remain a secret; Pam, being the honest and admirable person she is, confessed her “parking peril” and bravely accepted its place in her *permanent employee file*.



**Nikiski Senior Center
Bingo Schedule**

May 9 th
Doors open at 2 pm
Games start at 3 pm

\$25 per packet
Potluck style, so bring a dish and bring a friend



**Nikiski Senior Center
Bingo Summer Schedule
Tuesdays Afternoons**

June 9 th & 23 rd
July 7 th & 21 th
August 4 th & 18 th
September 1 st, 15 th & 29 th

**Doors open at 2 pm Games
start at 3 pm**
\$25 per packet
Potluck style, so bring a dish
and bring a friend



Veterans News by Dave Thompson

May 25th is coming up, which is Memorial Day. Decoration Day became Memorial Day in 1971. Memorial Day is a federal holiday in the United States for mourning the US military personnel who died while serving in the US armed forces. It is observed on the last Monday of May each year and is considered to be the unofficial start of summer.

It is a time to visit grave sites and memorials to clean up winter's dust, dirt, leaves, and grime from these hallowed markers, which may be some of your kinfolks. The good people from the VFW, American Legion, Boy Scouts, and volunteers place a new flag on every military grave every year before Memorial Day ceremonies. Today, Memorial Day honors all deceased veterans, not just those who have died in war. Thus Decoration Day.

May 30th, 1868, became the first official Decoration Day. On that day at Arlington National Cemetery in Washington, DC, General James A Garfield (a Civil War general who later became President) addressed a crowd of about five thousand gathered there to honor Civil War veterans' graves, three years after the war. There were more soldiers killed in that war on both sides than have ever been killed in all the wars we have fought since. God Bless those who gave their lives for the Blue and the Gray in that war.

Locally, at our three cemeteries in Kenai, Soldotna, and Kasilof, are interred over four hundred veterans. Spruce Grove in Kasilof has 220 plus, the new Soldotna Memorial Cemetery has 30 and counting, while Kenai has well over 100 military graves. I have counted most of them. Many were upstanding citizens of our communities whom we knew. Spruce Grove even has twelve World War 1 graves. Let us place a burden upon ourselves to manicure these sacred markers and never forget that our freedoms came from them.

As far as Memorial Day events locally this May 25, they will be pretty much the same as previous years. Events kick off with the American Legion Avenue of Flags placed on the driveway entering Kenai Cemetery about 8:30 am or so. About 10 am, the Legion has graveside services with commanders' messages, posting of colors, and rifle salute, followed by Taps. Then at noon, full services will be held at Lief Hanson Park near Olga's Jewelry. You will see a big white tent set up. Post officers and dignitaries will bring their Memorial Day messages.

In Soldotna, about 2 pm the VFW usually has full services at Soldotna Memorial Cemetery with many guest speakers. The cemetery is located on West Redoubt Street on the right. Then, at about 3:30 or so, the VFW will have services at the Iron Mike and Purple Heart monuments in Soldotna Creek Park. Both Posts usually have food for veterans and their families after ceremonies.

These times are approximate, as I am not sure as of this writing. Check with the Posts or the city to be sure. So, get out and attend Memorial Day services, pay your respects and enjoy your first day of Summer.

More about Iron Mike next month. He doesn't live far away.



Henry 22 S/L/LR Riffle Raffle

Pump Action, Octagon Barrel
Original Inspection Tag Included
Valued around \$690

Tickets are \$5.00. Funds will go to purchase a
dough sheeter for the Senior Center.
Drawing will be held on June 6th, 2026, at 8:00 pm.
Need not be present to win.

To purchase a ticket, please call 907-776-7654 or
stop by the front desk of the center.



NIKISKI SENIOR CENTER**907-776-7654****Lunch Menu***Entrée or Just Salad \$7 .**Entrees, Salad Bar and Soup \$10.**ALL AGES are welcome to eat.**Menu is subject to change .*

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
				1 Chili Cheese Dogs Hand Cut Fries Dessert
4 Spaghetti Meat Sauce Fresh Bread Veggies Dessert	5 Chicken Tacos Beans/ Rice Dessert	6 Fried Chicken Mash Potatoes Gravy Veggies Dessert	7 Shrimp Alfredo Fresh Bread Veggies Dessert	8 Hot Pastrami Sandwich Onion Rings Dessert
11 Vegetable Coconut Thai Curry Rice Dessert	12 Carne Asada Tacos Beans/ Rice Dessert	13 Oven Roasted Chicken Mash Potatoes Gravy Veggies Dessert	14 Ribs Baked Potatoes Corn Cornbread Dessert	15 Community Clean– Up BBQ
18 Beef Stroganoff Fresh Bread Veggies Dessert	19 Carnitas Beans/ Rice Dessert	20 Fried Chicken Mash Potatoes Gravy Veggies Dessert	21 Pot Roast Fresh Bread Veggies Dessert	22 Smash Burger Hand Cut Fries Dessert
25 Closed For Memorial Day!	26 Ground Beef Tacos Beans/ Rice Dessert	27 Orange Chicken Broccoli Jasmine Rice Dessert	28 Korean Beef Rice Bowl Cabbage Carrots Dessert	29 BLT Onion Rings Dessert

ALL AGES ARE WELCOME TO EAT.
TO GO lunches need to be called in by
10 and picked up 12:00 pm

Monday –Thursday
Salad Bar opens at 11:30 pm
Entrée opens at 12:00 pm
No Salad Bar on Friday. Entrée is 11:30 am

**NIKISKI SENIOR
CENTER**
Event Calendar
May 2026



Event schedules can change so check back with Facebook , NSC Website or Call the Center at 907-776-7654 to stay up to date or sign up for an event.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 Dance Fitness Class 12:30-1:30 pm	2
3	4 Silver & Fit 10:00– 11:00 am Resin & Cricut Class 1-3 pm	5 Sewing Group 12:30–3:00 pm	6 Yoga 9:30– 10:30 am Arts & Crafts Jelly Fish 1:00-3:00 pm	7 Silver & Fit 10:00– 11:00 am Pinochle 12:30– 4:00 pm Bible Study 1:00 pm	8 Dance Fitness Class 12:30-1:30 pm	9 Bingo 2 pm Doors Open 3 pm Game Starts
10	11 Silver & Fit 10:00– 11:00 am Resin & Cricut Class 1-3 pm	12 Sewing Group 12:30–3:00 pm Facilities Committee 1 PM	13 Yoga 9:30– 10:30 am Arts & Crafts Crayon Sun Catcher 1:00-3:00 pm	14 Silver & Fit 10:00– 11:00 am Pinochle 12:30– 4:00 pm Bible Study 1:00 pm	15 Community Clean– Up BBQ 11:30 am	16
17	18 Silver & Fit 10:00– 11:00 am Resin & Cricut Class 1-3 pm	19 Sewing Group 12:30–3:00 pm	20 Yoga 9:30– 10:30 am Arts & Crafts Sea Shell Wind Chimes 1:00-3:00 pm	21 Silver & Fit 10:00– 11:00 am Pinochle 12:30– 4:00 pm Bible Study 1:00 pm	22 Dance Fitness Class 12:30-1:30 pm	23
24	25 Closed For Memorial Day	26 Sewing Group 12:30–3:00 pm KPFCSP Support Group Wills & Probates Susie 12:30- 1:30 pm	27 Yoga 9:30– 10:30 am Arts & Crafts Mystery Box Craft 1:00-3:00 pm NSC Board Meeting 1:00 pm	28 Silver & Fit 10:00– 11:00 am Pinochle 12:30– 4:00 pm Bible Study 1:00 pm	29	



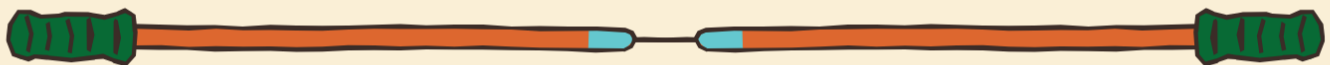
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COMMUNITY CLEAN-UP!

Sign up at **Nikiski Senior Center** starting April 15th,
depending on when the snow melts!
Garbage bags, gloves & pick up sticks
will be distributed while supplies last.

Clean - Up BBQ Will Be May 15 @ 11:30 am



Nikiski Senior Center
50025 Lake Marie Ave
Kenai, AK 99635
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Activity Highlights

- Silver & Fit: **Mondays AND Thursdays @ 10:00-11:00 am**
- Sewing Class: **Tuesdays @ 12:30-3:00 pm**
- Yoga (via zoom): **Wednesdays @ 9:30-10:30 am**
- Blood Pressure checks: **Wednesdays** by Nikiski Fire Dept., when available
- Arts & Craft: **Wednesdays @ 1:00-3:00 pm**
- Pinochle: **Thursdays @ 12:30-4:00 pm**
- Bible Study: **Thursdays @ 1:00-2:00 pm**
- Fitness Body Groove Dance Class: **Fridays @ 12:30 pm**

May

- **9th Bingo - Saturday**
- **12th Facilities Committee Meeting - Tuesday**
- **15th Community Clean-Up BBQ - Friday**
- **25th NSC Closed For Memorial Day - Monday**
- **26th Wills & Probates With Susie - Tuesday**
- **27th NSC Board Meeting - Wednesday**

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